



The North Dakota Economic Development Foundation was created in 2001 at the same time the North Dakota Department of Commerce was established. The vision statement of the Foundation is: *With respect for North Dakota values and quality of life, the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation will be a catalyst in creating quality employment opportunities making North Dakota a competitive partner in the global economy.*

**Mission:**

The Foundation's mission is to serve in an advisory role to the Governor and the Department of Commerce by:

- Developing a strategic plan for economic development in the state, including the development of value-added agriculture. The Foundation completed its first strategic plan in September 2002 and is now taking steps to implement the plan.
- Establishing accountability measures and benchmarks to evaluate the state's economic development.
- Monitoring tourism and economic development activities and initiatives of the Department of Commerce.
- Recommending state and federal legislation relating to strengthening the state's economy and increasing the state's population.
- Monitoring state and federal legislation and initiatives that may impact the state's economy and population.
- Serving as a source of expertise for developing public and private initiatives to strengthen the state's economy and increase the state's population.

**Goals:**

- Create quality jobs to retain North Dakota's current workforce and attract new high-skilled labor.
- Accelerate job growth in diversified industry targets to provide opportunities for the state's long-term economic future.
- Strengthen North Dakota's business climate to increase global competitiveness.
- Create a strong marketing image to build on the state's numerous strengths, including workforce, education and quality of life.
- Strengthen linkages between the state's higher education system, economic development organizations and private businesses.
- Develop a unified front for economic development based on collaboration, accountability and trust.

**Members:**

Foundation members are appointed by the Governor for two-year terms. Current members are:

Elaine Fremling, West Fargo, Chairperson  
Amanda DeKrey, Valley City  
Bill Shalhoob, Bismarck  
Bob Mau, Kenmare  
Bruce Furness, Fargo  
Bruce Smith, Grand Forks  
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Duaine Espégard, Grand Forks  
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